

**Quebec remains part of Canada** 

By Amity Smith Front reporter

For the second time since 1980, Quebec's 4.9 million voters decided whether their country should be sovereign.

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At 8 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, with almost 100 percent of the polls counted, the 'No' vote led by a narrow margin: 50.5 percent voted 'no,' and 49.4 percent voted 'yes.

Ninety percent of Quebec voters turned out to vote.

The 'yes' vote was ahead until halfway through the vote --- but the count was never more than a few percentage points apart.

At the heart of the issue was the Quebeckers' desire to keep their distinct society protected from what Quebec's Premier Jacques Parizeau called a conspiracy by Englishspeaking provinces to gang up on Quebec.

However, the 'no' vote does not mean the issue of sovereignty is resolved.

"This is really an ongoing issue," said Sara Singleton, a visiting professor in the political science department. She said this was about the 20th time over the past 25 years this issue has come up.

"In general, Canada is more decentralized - a lot of decisions are made at the level of the province. But separatists feel even with decentralized aspects, it is not enough to protect them — that Ottawa may be favoring English-speaking Canada," Singleton said.

Louise-Marie Bouchard, assistant professor of French and Canadian-American studies, said the issue is historic and goes back to the mid-18th century British and French War.

Bouchard said the first French explorers came to Quebec in 1534. Soon after, a French colony called "New France" was founded. When the British won the war, the land the French owned was turned over to the British.

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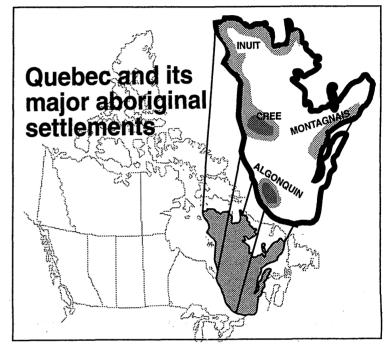
"Some French have always felt that since that war, they're in a country that is not their own," said Bouchard, who is from Granby, a town across the border from Vermont in Quebec.

"In 1867, Canada became a country --- it was kind of a marriage of reason (for Ouebec)," she said.

Bouchard said that in the '60s, tension between English- and French-speaking people began to grow. It eventually led to a sovereignty-association referendum in 1980 when 60 percent of Quebec voters opposed secession and 40 percent were in favor, according to an Oct. 26 article in The New York Times

Bouchard said that since the

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Front/Mike Brennand

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A 'yes' vote on the referendum would have made the future of native land in Quebec uncertain. Native land may not have been retained by the newly formed country of Quebec.

## **Operation We Can**



### judge Western.

According to a press release from the Public Information Office, the program was a "study of a handful of campus-based programs undertaken by the Harvard School of Public Health on behalf of the U.S. Department of Education's higher education center for alcohol and other drug prevention."

The We Can program is a finalist "in the search for 'exemplary' alcohol and other drug prevention programs that colleges and universities nationwide can emulate," the release also stated.

The We Can program is a branch of the

## **Unleashed puppies hit** by university vehicle **By Jake Roberts**

Front reporter

A campus vehicle ran over two puppies last Thursday on East College Way after they ran under the tires. Neither of the dogs were on leashes at the time.

University Police Chief Doug Gill said witnesses told police the vehicle was traveling at about five miles per hour when the puppies ran underneath.

The officers on the scene escorted the

a dog that had been hit by a car while on a leash.

Every school year, University Police receive reports of students who have been bitten by unattended or unleashed pets on campus.

University Police officers enforce Bellingham's leash law, Bellingham Municipal Code Title 7. The law reads that owners must keep pets on leashes and remain in their immediate presence whenever they are in public areas.

Front/Craig Stephens

Director of the Wellness program Pat Fabiano explains the We Can project.

## Program receives national recognition

### **By Nathalie Oravetz** Front reporter

Western's Primary Prevention and Wellness Center's We Can program has been recognized at a national level.

However, Western's program directors are unable to explain the standards used to

Wellness Center. It deals with alcohol and other drug-related issues.

The We Can program and University Residences are responsible for the "wellness hall" concept. The program also sponsors alcohol awareness week activities.

The Wellness Center deals with many facets of student life including stress, eating disorders, sexual assault and violence.

We Can focuses specifically on alcohol and drugs.

"To be selected as a finalist means that a program is already one of the best in the country. What we are now looking at is whether what is effective in one place is transferable elsewhere," said Elissa Weitzman of the Harvard School of Public Health.

"We want to honor excellent prevention

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puppies and their owner to Fairhaven Veterinary Hospital immediately following the accident.

One of the puppies suffered only bruises, but the other suffered a broken leg and pelvis. Tosha, the more seriously injured puppy, was referred to Bellingham Animal Hospital for surgery.

Dr. John Schuman said he operated on Tosha and she was doing fine following the repair of her broken leg.

Schuman said the broken pelvis should heal itself over time.

Bellingham Animal Hospital treats about two dogs per week that are struck by cars or trucks.

Almost all pets struck by cars are not on a leash at the time.

Schuman said that he couldn't remember the last time his office had treated

Dogs not kept on a leash close to their owner pose a threat both to themselves and to students on campus, Gill said.

He added unleashed dogs can be injured by cars that don't have time to stop when the dogs run out in front of them. The dogs can also bite unsuspecting students

Earlier this year, a student reported being bitten by a dog that was left unattended outside Wilson Library.

Gill said most dog bites result when the owner leaves the dog tied up and unattended outside of a campus building.

Leaving dogs tied up this way is illegal, according to the law cited above.

If University Police receive a report of a dog left unattended outside a building, they will bring the dog back to the police station and contact the owner to pick the pet up, Gill said.

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### News



## **Campus Police**

**Oct. 27, 8:10 p.m.:** It was reported that sometime between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. some unknown person(s) stole a videocassetee recorder and color television from Environmental Studies Center.

Oct. 28, 4:59 p.m.: A mountain bike was reported stolen near the main entrance to Mathes Hall. The victim said the bike was secured with a cable lock on railing near Mathes Hall.

Oct. 28, 6:08 p.m.: When a campus police officer arrived at Red Square, a bicyclist who was previously issued a trespass citation fled on foot.

## **Bellingham Police**

Oct. 27, 12:42 p.m.: A man reported a tow bar was removed from his vehicle, which was parked in the 1700 block of Ellis Street. Police reported no suspects.

**Oct. 27, 3:30 p.m.:** A man reported leaving his wallet in a restroom at a building in the 800 block of Lakeway Drive. When he returned 20 minutes later, the wallet was gone.

**Oct. 28, 2:53 a.m.:** A woman reported she was assaulted near the 1400 block of Birchwood Avenue by three unknown people while walking home from a tavern.

Oct. 28, 12:49 p.m.: Juveniles were seen at the overpass of Alabama Street and Interstate-5 spitting on vehicles driving below. Police checked the area, but the suspects were gone.

**Oct. 28, 1:10 p.m.:** A person complained of an ex-roommate hanging around the 2700 block of Douglas Avenue trying to borrow money from old friends. When police arrived, the suspect was gone.

**Oct. 28, 10:19 p.m.:** Police responded to a report of an employee locked inside a business at the 3500 block of Meridian Street. The employee set off the alarm. The officer at the scene reset the alarm before securing the building.

**Oct. 28, 11:11 p.m.:** A man was detained by employees of a store at the 1000 block of Lakeway Drive for carrying four cases of beer out of the store without paying. Police cited and released the man. The store issued the man a lifetime trespass warning.

Oct. 29, 1:09 a.m.: A person reported three juvenile males brandished a firearm after a traffic dispute at the 200 block of W. Bakerview Road.

**Oct. 29, 10:34 p.m.:** A man reported his daughter was driving near the 300 block of Willow Road when a group of juveniles pulled a stuffed animal across the street, nearly causing her to crash. The juveniles ran off and left the stuffed animal behind. The juveniles

# Western Briefs

## Western students raise money while learning skills

Bellingham social service agencies are beginning to total the proceeds brought in by a summer class of Western Service Program students learning grant writing skills.

Course instructor Trula Nicholas wanted students to write actual grants for agencies which recieve their money through fundraising.

During the six-week summer course, three Human Service Program students raised \$1,600 for the Whatcom County Commission on Children and Youth.

Other students in the course wrote grants and did fundraising for the Whatcom Volunteer Center, Northwest Youth Services, and Evergreen AIDS Support Services.

## Help just a call away when using library on-line

Wilson Library users accessing the catalog and other online resources from computers outside the library may obtain assistance by calling 650-7529.

Staff at the general reference desk in Wilson Library will answer questions related to content and use of available databases.

Anyone with technical questions or problems related to connections to the library information system should call 650-3333.

### Classical music fans will enjoy free fall concert

The Western Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Roger Briggs, will perform a free concert at 8 p.m. Nov. 1 in Western's Performing Arts Center Concert Hall. Eugene Zoro of the music department will be the featured soloist in Mozart's "Concerto in A for Clarinet and Orchestra."

Also on the program are Debussy's "Prelude to an Afternoon of a Faune, Vlase Triste" by Sibelius and Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms" with Western's Concert Choir.

## Theater Arts invites all to summer of Shakespeare

Teachers, students and the general public can participate in Western's 17th annual "Shakespeare-at-Stratford" class next summer through the Department of Theater Arts.

Faculty members from the University of Birmingham Shakespeare Institute and Royal Shakespeare Company artists will teach the four-credit course at Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire, England.

Western professor Douglas VanderYacht will lead the tour June 29 to July 14.

The \$2,800 cost includes round-trip airfare from Seattle; 14 nights lodging at Stratford guest houses with breakfast and dinner; tickets to productions of the Royal Shakespeare Company and other theaters; all travel, excursions and entrance fees in England; and Western tuition.

For application and information, call Deptartment of Theater Arts at 650-3876.

## Pulitzer Prize-winning composer to visit Western

Pulitzer Prize winning composer Joseph Schwantner will perform his works at 8 p.m. Nov. 6 in Western's PAC Concert Hall.

Currently Professor of Composition at the Eastman School of Music, Schwantner received the Pulitzer Prize in 1979 for his orchestral piece "Aftertones of Infinity." His pieces have been performed in the United States, Canada, Europe, Asia and Mexico.

The concert will feature "From a Dark Millennium" with David Wallace conducting the Western Wind Symphony. Western Contemporary Chamber Players will perform "Sparrows," Faculty Chamber Ensemble will perform "Music of Amber" and graduate percussionist Lea Gilbertson will perform "Velocities (moto peretuo)."

Schwantner will speak about his compositions at 4:30 p.m. in PAC room 47.

## AS Environmental Center sponsors 'wild' slideshow

Freelance wilderness photographer John Duncan will present a slideshow of his work titled, "Vision of the Wild: A Celebration of Wilderness and a Call to Those Who Would Save It." The slideshow will take place 7 p.m. Nov. 6 in Fraser Hall 2.

The slideshow is intended to heighten citizen awareness through photography of the wilderness around them and what is happening to it.

The Associated Students Environmental Center is sponsoring the show.

Admission is free and all are welcome to attend.

For more information call Kate Cox or Sean Cosgrove at 650-6129.

## WWU Official Announcements

Deadline for announcements in this space is noon Friday for the Tuesday edition and noon Wednesday for the Friday edition. Announcements should be limited to 50 words, typewritten or legibly printed, and sent through campus mail to "Official Announcements," MS-9117, fax 7287, or taken in person to Commissary 113A. DO NOT ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE WESTERN FRONT. Phoned announcements will not be accepted. All announcements should be signed by originator.

PLEASE POST

WINTER QUARTER DEGREE APPLICANTS: All students expecting to graduate at the close of winter quarter must have a senior evaluation on file in the Registrar's Office in OM 230 by Dec. 8. To pick up a degree application, go to OM 230.

ALL STUDENT TEACHER CANDIDATES FOR FALL 1995 THROUGH SPRING 1996 should have had their senior/certification evaluation on file in the Registrar's Office, OM 230, by May 1, 1995.

THEATRE IN LONDON. An informational meeting will be held for the Winter Theatre in London program by Dennis Catrell in PAC 295 at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1. All are welcome. For more information, call International Programs and Exchanges, X/3298.

THE FOLLOWING BIOLOGY courses require written permission: Biol 102, 201, 202, 203, 321, 324, 325, 340, 445a.

got away. The stuffed animal was left with some nearby garbage.

Cops Box, which is selected from recent incident reports was compiled by reporter Brett Davis.

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445b, 445c, 469, 479, 485, 490, 508, 545a, 568, 599. Complete a course request form and return to instructor's mailbox in BI 315 by Nov. 3. Add codes must be picked up Nov. 13, 14 or 15.

THE MATH PLACEMENT TEST is offered at 9 a.m. Mondays on Nov. 6, 13, 20, and 27; and Dec. 4 and 11. Thursday test dates are at 9 a.m. on Nov. 2, 9, 16 and 30; and Dec. 7 and 14. Testing is in OM 120. Allow 90 minutes. Preregistration is not required. Bring photo ID and a number 2 pencil. A \$10 fee is payable in the exact amount at time of testing.

STUDY ABROAD SCHOLARSHIPS. NSEP seeks applicants interested in study of languages and cultures in world regions outside of Western Europe, Canada, Australia and New Zealand to compete for study abroad scholarships. The competition is open to American students matriculated at a U.S. post-secondary school. For more information, contact Art Kimmel, OM 530B, X/3298 or fax X/6572.

ECOLOGY CLUB MEETS at 5 p.m. each Tuesday in the Biology Building, Room 139. All Western students are welcome.

LAW SCHOOL INFORMATION DAY will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, in the Viking Union.

A FREE WORKSHOP, GETTING INTO GRADUATE SCHOOL: WHAT WORKS, WHAT DOESN'T AND WHY, will be offered by Career Services Center at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14 in the Library Presentation Room.

CSC OFFERS NUMEROUS JOB SEARCH AND CAREER WORKSHOPS. Remaining fall quarter workshops include Career Connection Strategies, résumé writing, cover letters, interview techniques, mock interviews, international employment opportunities, effective résumés for educators, effective cover letters and applications for educators, and effective interviews for educators. For more information on these or other workshops, stop by OM 280 or call X/3240.

#### **Recruiting activities**

To participate in on-campus interviews, graduating seniors and alumni must be registered for career services. Ask for a registration packet at the front desk in OM 280. Establishing a placement file is optional for all but education candidates. There is no charge for current seniors (1995-96 graduates); alumni must pay a \$15 fee. For more information about interview procedures contact CSC, OM 280, X/3240.

# News of the day from here and away

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### Police search for man who allegedly raped young girl FEDERAL WAY --- King County Po-

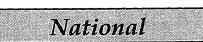
lice Detectives went door-to-door in a Federal Way neighborhood asking if residents saw the man who allegedly abducted and raped a 7-year-old girl.

Police say they are putting as much effort as possible into the search. Officials conducted a community meeting on the case Friday.

### **Construction work along Seattle** sidewalk proves to be hazardous

SEATTLE - A jackhammer used on a downtown Seattle sidewalk Friday knocked a chunk of concrete from the ceiling of the Battery Street Tunnel, hitting a car below.

The driver was uninjured. To aviod further possible injury, the tunnel's southbound lane closed for a couple of hours Friday until the jackhammering was completed.



HTS concludes air bags a threat to safety of children not belted in WASHINGTON --- Federal regulators have publicly stated air bags can kill children who aren't wearing their seat belts.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration issued the warning Friday.

Overall, officials say air bags have performed superbly and saved hundreds of lives in recent years.

But they are investigating the deaths of six children, ages 4 to 9, killed in car crashes to see if their injuries were caused by inflating air bags.

Videotape may shed new light in Oklahoma City bombing case

OKLAHOMA CITY - A federal source says videotape shows an unidentified, shadowy figure riding in the truckbomb used in the Oklahoma City blast.

The footage is part of evidence that corroberates the theory a third conspirator took part in the bombing that killed 169 people.

### Pentagon says U.S. considerating rearranging troops in Japan

WASHINGTON --- The United States may consider moving troops from Okinawa, Japan after all.

A pentagon official said Friday the Clinton administration is now open to discussion of troop cuts if Japan wants it.

Earlier, Defense Secretary William Perry said nothing would be gained by shifting some of the 26,000 American troops from Okinawa to other parts of Japan. However, he said he'd work to make the U.S. military presence on Okinawa less intrusive.

Citizens of Okinawa began protesting the presence of U.S. troops after three U.S. servicemen allegedly raped a 12-year-old girl.

### Russia and U.S. agree to joint forces in Bosnia, NATO aside

FORT RILEY, Kan. - Defense Secretary William Perry announced Friday the United States and Russia have reached an agreement to join forces and serve togther in Bosnia.

This decision is apart from the NATO peacekeeping operation.

However, Russian Defense Minister Pavel Grachev made it clear that broader questions of NATO's command over Russian troops remains a major sticking point.

Perry and Grachev said they would meet next month in Brussels to work out additional details.

### International

### Yucatan totals damage amounts from season's strongest storms

MERIDA, Mexico-It's been a devastating fall for the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico.

Damage from hurricanes Opal and Roxanne is now estimated at \$1.5 billion by the Yucatan Insurers' Association.

A spokesman for the industry group said claims for compensation total \$200 million so far. He said four states suffered heavy damage to crops and property, including hotels and other tourist facilities.

The hurricanes hit Mexico's Gulf Coast in late September and October, with Roxanne doubling back for a second strike.

### Hamas leader making two requests of militant followers

JERUSALEM — The religious leader of a Muslim militant group wants his followers to stop attacks on Israel.

Sheik Ahmed Yassin also said his followers in Hamas should run in upcoming Palestinian elections. He made the appeal in an interview from an Israeli jail where he is serving time.

If the group goes along, a major threat to peace would be gone. Even as Israeli troop withdrawals began on the West Bank, Israeli leaders said they'll freeze the withdrawals if the Muslims begin attacks again.

Hamas has killed dozens of Israelis since the Israel-Palestinian peace effort started two years ago, but Yassin said the movement toward peace is a reality that must be recognized to avoid fighting within the Palestinian people.

German military turns 40 but not everyone wants to celebrate BONN, Germany --- The armed forces

of post-war Germany marked their 40th anniversary Thursday with a torchlight military parade in Bonn.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl called on his countrymen to support their army. Kohl said soldiers need the backing of all sections of society.

Not everyone agreed with Kohl. Peace groups protested the ceremony, saying it echoed the days of the Nazis' Third Reich when Germany was a military menace.

### Yeltsin experiences heart trouble, attention focuses on his health

MOSCOW --- Russian President Boris Yeltsin entered the hospital Thursday for apparent heart trouble.

After doctors examined Yeltsin Friday, an aide said he could be in the hospital for a week, and would be under close medical supervision through November.

The official said Yeltsin will also have to skip a planned meeting Tuesday with Balkan Leaders to discuss peace in Bosnia.

A Russian News Agency quoted his aide saying doctors believe Yeltsin hasn't suffered any heart failure, but that his heart isn't getting a stable supply of blood.

### North Korean spy caught in crossfire with South Koreans dies

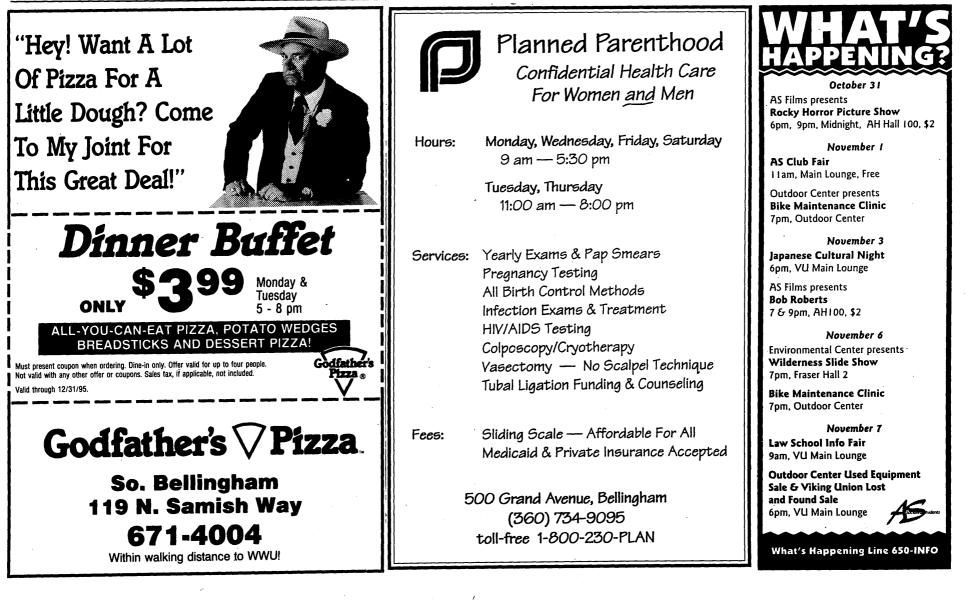
SEOUL, South Korea --- South Korean officials now confirm a North Korean spy was shot by South Korean commandos.

The man died while in a coma following the shooting.

Authorities say the incident occurred Friday when the agent tried to break through a tightening cordon of 20,000 commandos on a thickly-wooded mountain.

The South Korean officials say the attempted infiltration has made them even more suspicious of communist North Korea.

News briefs compiled from the AssociatedPress by reporter Amity Smith.



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### News

# Downtown Bellingham changes, grows

### **By Reiko Huckle** Front reporter

Talk to Bob Staples and he will tell you that his business, Zephyr, Etc., 114 E. Magnolia St., is doing well.

His record store is one of a select few businesses that have made a place for themselves downtown. It has been there for 15 years and is still a strong business.

"Our business is growing every year," Staples said.

Customers frequenting Zephyr, Etc. and other music stores around Railroad Avenue and Cornwall Avenue can range from high school students to people in their 40s, he said.

Staples said most are high schoolers and 20-year-olds.

The image of downtown Bellingham is changing from being the major retail shopping center it used to be to one made up of a mix of more offices, banks, restaurants and services such as attorneys, consultants and accountants.

Downtown clientele is becoming more orineted toward offices, finance and specially retail instead of national retail chains, said Robert Dahms, of the City of Bellingham's Planning and Community Development Department.

This department assists in the redevelopment of old buildings.

The businesses downtown are now getting many customers from the office workers employeed in the neighborhood.

This change can be seen in the old retail buildings being turned into office space. Some building owners are trying to convert to apartment buildings in order to attract more people to downtown, Dahms said.

Dahms went on to say this is reflective of the type of downtown growth: redeveloping empty buildings into usable space.

Dahms said the growth is in the right

direction, but is slow in coming.

This growth is not going very fast because it is "hard to finance and renovate old buildings," Dahms said.

Another group helping the development of downtown is the Railroad Avenue District Merchant Association. This group is comprised of 85 small businesses located around the Railroad district area. The owners discuss things that they can do to help attract people to come to their stores. This serves as a communication link between the businesses.

Travis Holland, co-owner of Casa Que Pasa,1415 Railroad Ave., is part of the association.

"People want (a) commercial district with character - a mix of local business serving local needs," he said.

"We are making steady progress and working for the future," Holland said about the group's status.

Downtown may not be the place it was before Bellis Fair opened in 1988. Stores such as J.C. Penny, Sears and the Bon Marche left downtown and relocated in the mall area.

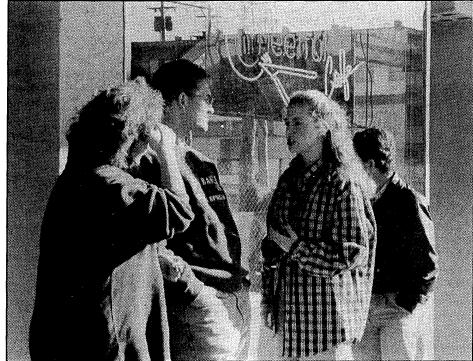
Despite the exodus of the department stores, many well-established retail stores. restaurants and forums for art still exist downtown.

The new and exisiting businesses now seem to be more oriented toward the office workers, said Ed Roddy, assistant vice president of the commercial loan office at Key Bank of Washington.

"Some business are hanging by their teeth to try and make it," Roddy said.

Ruby Smith, owner of Scribble, a card and gift store located at1305 Cornwall Ave., said they are "doing as well as they have for the last few years.'

She has had her store for eight years. Smith did try to start a bookstore adjacent to Scribble, but she said it did not make it because not enough street traffic existed to keep the bookstore going.



Front/Jesse Nolte

The Little Cheerful Cafe on Railroad Avenue attracts many downtown diners, including (left to right) Terry Fridgen, Mike Fridgen and Michelle Fridgen.

Smith said she is able to keep Scribble going because it fills a need for people who work downtown, plus she has certain customers who seek her store out and buy from her.

"People aren't desiring to come downtown in the core area," Roddy said.

Downtown stores can compete with malls by offering different products.

"Because of this difference, people seek you out," Smith said.

Staples agreed. The stores at the mall are "all the same, no individuality. Come down here and there are stores doing different things," he said.

Having more activity going on downtown attracts more people to the downtown area, Smith said.

"If you give people a reason to come, they'll come back," said Barbara Lupo, coowner of the clothing store Gary's For Men and Women.

She said she believes downtown is very healthy because people are always working and doing something to help develop the area.

Bill Frank, vice president of People's State Bank's commercial loan office, said the loan demand for business has grown from 11 percent to 13 percent.

More people who apply for business loans are existing business owners who want to change or remodel their business, rather than new business owners, he said.

"(Downtown) is probably still growing – (just) growing at slow rate," Frank said.

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programs, but we also want to find programs that other campuses around the country can emulate or adapt," she added.

Three years ago, the federal education department gave the Wellness Center \$135,900 for a four-part grant written by Fabiano.

The grant was to help launch the We Can program for a two-year trial. She said the first part was an "if you build it they will come" idea.

Fabiano explained the purpose of implementing programs such as "substance-free floors" is if the option is there to live with other

students who share the same value system, many students would choose to live in such an environment.

The second part of the grant focused on social marketing. "We're trying to sell behavior. We want to give a picture people can identify with. We want to sell the truth. We have data that shows Western is not a party school," Fabiano said.

The last two parts of the grant focus on faculty and staff, and the Community Hospitality Resource Alliance.

tions of higher education.

The combination of the institutions will form the "Pacific Northwest Prevention Consortium.'

Fabiano said Western, the Northwest Indian College, Whatcom Community College, Bellingham Technical College and Skagit lifestyle to drink and they wanted

Fabiano said, "Every year there is more demand than we can fill on the substance-free floors."

The idea of living on a substance-free floor appealed to Nash residents, freshmen Shannon White, Monica Britt and Kirstin Badger. They said it wasn't in their

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live on substance-free floors.

"Everybody consciously makes a choice to live here," she said.

Johnsen and other residents agreed they feel safer in the "wellness" community.

Fabiano said the We Can program, among other Wellness Center programs, has an innovative approach to handling sensitive issues with students.

She said they "accept that alcohol is a part of the way most people live. We are not promoting abstinence. We support it, but what we're trying to do is show they typical student that most Western students do drink, but very few students drink to the point of vomiting, regretting their behavior and getting hurt." Fabiano said many programs use scare tactics to spread their message. Some people attempt to promote abstinence by saying, "Terrible things will happen to those who drink. Don't do it."

**Hospitality Resource Alliance** The Hospitality Resource Alliance is the next step in the We Can program.

This Alliance would involve a committee of respresentatives from law enforcement agencies, public health agencies, and the community to meet with representatives of the hospitality industry such as taverns and restuarants.

This committee would work to lower rates of underage drinking and instances of drinking and driving. A community forum is scheduled for Dec. 4.

The CHRA is a new program that will allow taverns, restaurants and other establishments to work together to provide safer service to community members and minimize under-age drinking. The first meeting will be in a month.

Fabiano said the representatives of the education department came to see how the grant was going.

She said they were impressed with the growth of the substancefree housing and could see that people really cared.

The education department just gave the Wellness Center a second \$39,938 grant. The money will be used to bring together five instituPat Fabiano, director of Wellness Center

Valley College will work together to reduce the risks of drinking and other related issues, and to promote safety.

The "wellness hall" idea, created in part by the We Can program, began in the fall of 1993 with four substance-free floors in Nash.

Currently, ten floors in the residence halls are dedicated to students who wish to live on substance-free floors.

Although Nash, Mathes, Edens and Fairhaven house 450 students on substance-free floors, 200 students or more are on waiting lists. said Joey Johnsen, Nash resident adviser.

to live with people who had similar morals and values.

"When you're making plans with your friends, you know it will be something safe, and not a party. It's nice to know you can feel safe with your friends," Britt said.

Johnsen said she chose to be an RA on a substance-free floor because it gave her a chance to help educate residents about safety and to aid in breaking stereotypes.

"The people on the upper floors aren't all alcoholics and the people on the substance-free floors aren't all prudes," Johnsen said in response to a common generalization made of those who choose to

She said most students would ignore or laugh at such a message.

"The key idea is risk reduction, which is trying to get people to increase safety while they decrease the risk. Most people don't have a risk-free life," Fabiano said.

## NEWS **THE WESTERN FRONT • 5** Attendance breaks records at ESC retreat

**By Michele Ramirez** Front reporter

Every fall quarter for the past 5 years, the Ethnic Student Center has conducted a weekend retreat at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island.

The retreat gives students of color a chance to meet new people and discuss issues in multi-cultural workshops.

Fitting the theme "And Still I Rise," inspired by a Maya Angelou poem, the Fifth Annual ESC Retreat has grown drastically in the number of participants since the first year.

ESC program director Janna Cecka said the attendance at the retreat last weekend reached its highest turnout at 130 attendees.

"The turnout is outstanding," Cecka said.

Mark Manuel of the ESC Retreat Planning Committee was also happy with the number of participants.

Manuel credits the record attendance to the increase in the number of clubs throughout the year.

"We're on a roll," he said to the crowd of students, staff and faculty at the retreat.

In 1989, the ESC started with five clubs including the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEChA), International Students' Club, Asian and Pacific Islander Student Union, Native American Student Union and African American Alliance.

Since then, 12 new clubs have been added to the ESC

Western students and faculty weren't alone last weekend in discussing issues of



Front/Michele Ramirez

Students at the Fifth Annual Ethnic Student Center Retreat spent time sharing ideas with one another last weekend at Camp Casey on Whidbey Island.

unity as a multi-cultural society.

Whatcom and Skagit Community Colleges and the Northwest Indian College also participated in the Friday night activities.

A talent show, including the participation of all ESC clubs, kicked off the social activities.

Like most shows, lip-syncs and musicians entertained the audience. But cultural acts were also a part of the festivities.

Some clubs shared customs, songs and instruments from their heritage.

A dance and bonfire gave people an-

other chance to get comfortable with each other.

Saturday consisted of four workshops. The first involved splitting into two

groups — men and women — to talk about gender issues.

The women's group tackled topics such as stereotypes, violence toward women and the handling of dual careers as mother's and working women.

Men addressed the problems of working together among ethnic groups and breaking the stereotypes Caucasian males have about ethnic minorities.

Women and men came together for the second workshop to discuss topics from the previous sessions. Many questions and comments were raised in this workshop.

For the next workshop, participants picked one of four sessions, which addressed getting involved on campus, sharing emotions through collages, inter-cultural relationships and dispelling the myths of admissions.

The last workshop explored identity issues in an effort to explain how ethnic identity is developed and how to deal with multiethnicity.

When faced with a new environment that was new faces, places and no one to talk or relate to, it's hard for any new student to adapt and forget where they came from.

Western senior Michelle Cabrara said this is even more so for students of color.

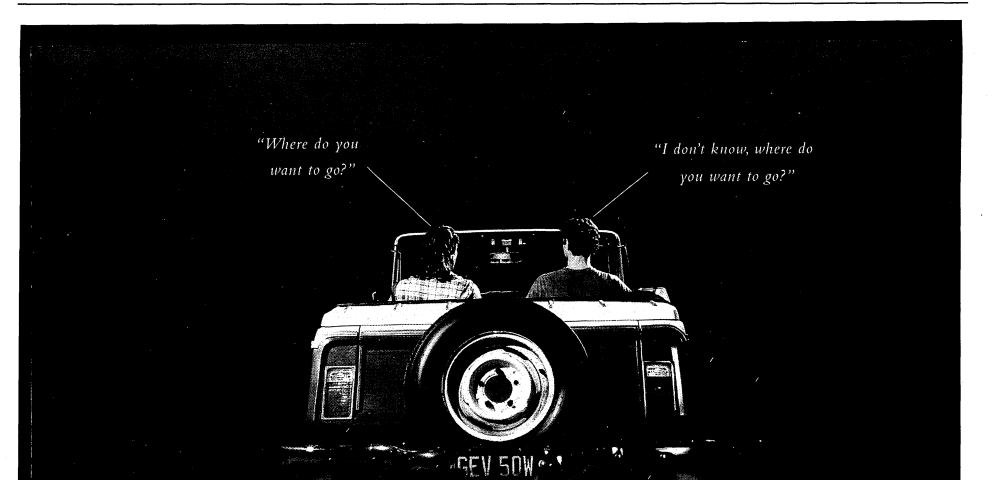
"It's important to keep your ethnic identity when you're so far from home. It's good to have friends to relate to," Cabrara said.

Many students expressed a need for a family away from home.

Nia Lucas, budget authority of African American Alliance, said the ESC represents a growing family that creates a comfort zone.

"I feel like I can tell people about my problems and they understand what I'm talking about," Lucas said.

The ESC retreat ended with students, faculty and staff listening to a tape of Maya Angelou's voice reciting her poem, "Still I Rise."



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## Quebec, from page 1

1980 referendum, Quebec, along with other provinces, has negotiated constitutional amendments with the federal government.

Among Quebec's requests was the request that the constitution define Quebec as a distinct society, in hope of protecting its language and culture. That amendment did not pass.

Bouchard said the last round of negotiations resulted in the 1992 Charlottetown constitutional accord, which, instead of letting the governments ratify the amendments, put them to a nationwide vote. The accord failed.

"So now, nothing is decided," Bouchard said. "The status quo doesn't seem to work for anyone. No matter what happens, even if it's a 'no,' they have to sit down and re-think centralization issues."

Bouchard said the political and economic climate has changed since 1980; unemployment is up, the economy has declined and the deficit has grown.

'The people want a change," Bouchard said. "The 'yes' side is playing on their emotions. The 'no' side plays on the economy, but it's not very interesting. The question is, will people think it will be better with a 'yes'?"

The only thing analysts know for sure is that nothing is certain. Here is a breakdown of the issues:

### The bill

According to the Sept. issue of Maclean's magazine, the bill only set out a framework for achieving sovereignty, and didn't automatically declare Quebec to be a sovereign country. The bill extended an offer of economic and political partnership to Canada in which Canada and Quebec would maintain existing trade links while creating an entirely new superstructure to govern their relationship.

The bill empowered a national assembly to proclaim sovereignty only after the formal offer of a treaty, but gave the negotiations a deadline of Oct. 31, 1996. After that date, the assembly would have been authorized to declare sovereignty, unless it decided to extend the deadline.

"The question is written so if they can't negotiate a better deal (with Canada), then they want sovereignty," said Robert Monahan, the former director of Western's Center for Canadian-American Studies.

"The rest of Canada is saying, 'If you want arrangements as they are now, then you should stay a part of Canada.""

#### **Economic impact**

With the recent fluctuation of the Canadian dollar, most observers thought it would fall --- particularly if the vote had been 'yes'

- at least for a short time.

"If the dollar drops ... it may come out in retail price, or in terms of higher profits (for businesses)," Monahan said.

Monahan said if the dollar drops, it would be easier for the United States to buy lumber, natural gas and other imports from Canada. But it would also make it harder to sell exports to Canada, damage tourism in the United States and hurt the retail business, particularly here in the Bellingham area.

Singleton agreed. "Financial markets do not like any kind of insecurity," he said.

Monahan also said Canada's federal government runs on a principle of income redistribution that, in a sense, subsidizes the "havenot" states.

Because Quebec is rich in resources, Canada would lose that tax revenue, and the poorer states, particularly the Maritime states such as Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, would suffer.

### **Boundary Issues**

"If they vote 'yes,' there's going to be a battle royal over boundaries," Monahan said. He also said there was not a guarantee Quebec would have left with its present boundaries — even though that is what Quebec wanted.

kept its boundaries, Monahan, Singleton and Bouchard all said if the vote was 'yes,' the provinces to the east of Quebec would be split off and be isolated from the rest of Canada, possibly causing problems if the split left bad feelings between Canada and Quebec. Border posts between Canada and Quebec were a possibility, but were an issue no one wanted to talk about, Singleton said.

#### Native issues

According to Maclean's, nearly all of Quebec's 100,000 aboriginal peoples oppose Quebec's secession.

"If it is a 'yes,' they don't want to be part of Quebec as a country," Bouchard said. "They're scared, the French are scared, the English people are scared."

Bouchard, Singleton and Monahan all said the natives had been dealing with the federal government in areas such as land issues and social programs, and didn't want to start over with a new government.

"They are in the process of negotiating with the federal government for their territorial claims and I think they feel they've made some progress," Monahan said. "It's not at all certain that Quebec would receive (native) lands."

Monahan said although Que-But even assuming Quebec bec was incorporated into Canada in 1867, it didn't get its present-day boundaries until 1912.

If Quebec had seceded, they might not have been able to keep them.

#### **U.S. Relations**

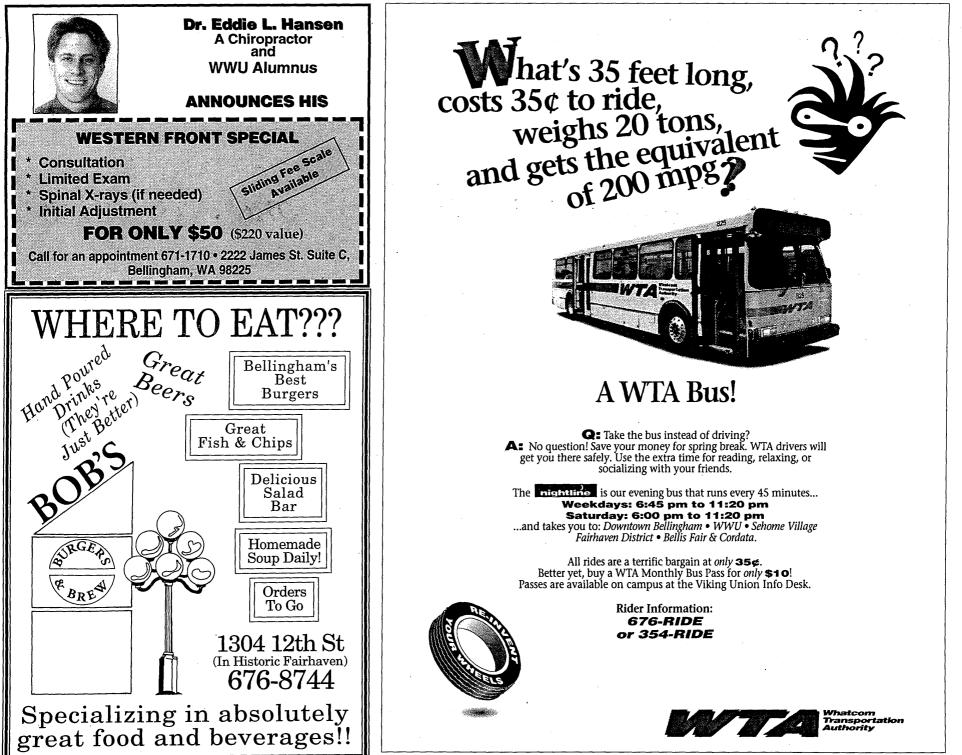
Monahan said the United States has not taken a position on the referendum so far. However, Singleton and Monahan saw the possibility of a less-than-friendly relationship with Quebec if the province had voted for secession.

"So far, the Clinton administration has been very cool on the separatist issue. (The administration) would clearly prefer Canada to remain as it is," Singleton said.

"Canada and U.S. relations are very cordial ... and I don't think you can assume Quebec would be treated the same way. If things went sour between Canada and Quebec, I think the United States would not be warm to Quebec if it offended Canada," Monahan said.

He said Quebec would not automatically have been a member of NAFTA. "If they were a sovereign nation, they would be treated as a sovereign nation, and it might be some time before they were granted membership," Monahan said.

Monahan also said the United States would probably not have been the first nation to formally recognize Ouebec.



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## NRADIFIONAL QUIEF DORM WAXES DEAD

### By Amity Smith Front reporter

"They need a lot of ingredients for blood," Jennifer O'Brien said rather nonchalantly in the calm environment of the fourth floor lounge of Edens Hall South. Ingredients for blood?

"Oh yeah. Sarah has the recipe," O'Brien said.

O'Brien, a junior who has lived in the hall for three years, leaned back and calmly surveyed the area that might be turned into one of the many ghastly scenes in Morgue, the hall's annual haunted house.

"This is the third year I've participated in Morgue," O'Brien said. "The first year I didn't get to see the whole thing because I was wrapped up in cellophane all night.

"I was the victim of a spider," she said, laughing.

O'Brien, and about 50 other Edens Hall residents, was preparing to haunt their willing victims Oct. 28.

The hall named its annual haunted house "Morgue" because Edens is a quiet hall. It had the reputation for being as quiet as a morgue, said Amanda Mitchell, a senior and fifth-year hall resident.

"When I first got here, I was given the impression that (Morgue) had been here since time immemorial," Mitchell said.

"The first year I was in Morgue, I ended up in the emergency room (because of a minor cut). The fact that I was in a lab coat with surgical implements in the top pocket was amusing.

"I was a mad doctor, so I was made to look sort of gaunt ... I had a sling with fake blood all over it, so I must have distressed the admitting nurse and orderlies," she said.

Now in its seventh year of terrifying Western students and the general public, Morgue attracts a large number of visitors — 496 people went through the haunted house last year, said juniors Michele Weaver and Sarah Lange, who coordinated this year's event. Both have lived in the hall for three years.

"Last year we extended it an extra hour because so many people wanted to come in," Mitchell said.

"We make it scary, but if people are warned (before they go through) we can make it less scary. We make it clear to parents that we mean to scare college students, who by this time, have a pretty high tolerance," she said.

Morgue has its traditions and its behind-the-scenes tales — none of which are for the faint of heart.

"Hanging a person down the stairwell to the main lounge is a tradition that we've continued," O'Brien said, adding the volunteer was hung by a chest harness, not a noose.

"There's usually one or two torture chambers... Gruesome fairy tales are also popular," she added. Last year Morgue had bloody interpretations of Cinderella, Red Riding Hood and Sleeping Beauty.

But the most gut-wrenching tradition is how the hall gets props for Morgue.

"One of the weirdest Morgue supplies has been Julann's cow parts," Mitchell said.

"Last year she disinterred one of the calves she buried on her property to get parts. She ranches cattle and would often be able to get us interesting parts. Mildred's skull was used several times," Mitchell said.

What about the blood recipe? "Kayro syrup, chocolate syrup and red food coloring and you just combine it until it looks good," Weaver said.

"I wouldn't be surprised if some of the vampires have drank it," Lange added.

How does a group of 50-100 people take a normal residence hall and turn it into one of the scariest haunted houses in the community?

"You find one or two really gullible people who say, 'We'd love to run that," Weaver said, laughing.

Unofficially calling themselves co-dictators, Weaver and Lange oversee a series of meetings that begins in September and ends the day of Morgue, which is always the Saturday before Halloween.

During the meetings, the group brainstorms for scene ideas and forms committees to put the ideas into reality.

Weaver and Lange said putting on Morgue takes two or three hours of productive time a week.

"There's groups for people who want to construct scenes, guide tours, advertise, get supplies or act in scenes," O'Brien said. "Some people show up and say, 'I want to help, but I don't have any idea what to do.""

Weaver and Lange have a slightly less-than-egalitarian view of the process.

"You open your mouth, you get delegated. We push for volunteers," Weaver said with a grin on her face and one eyebrow cocked.

This year's morgue contained at least 15 scenes, including a vampire scene, an insane asylum, a beheading and a deranged Ophelia from Shakespeare's "Hamlet."

For all of the hall's work, it takes a group of six terrified people about 15 minutes to tour the haunted house during its five-hour run, Weaver and Lange said.

"Death and other gruesome figures would come running down the hall and grab the guide. The group would then be left by themselves in the hallway," Lange said. While the hall charges \$1.50 for the scare of a lifetime, the money is only to offset the costs of Morgue.

"Its intention is not to be a fund-raiser. For several years, just breaking even was doing good," Lange said.

"We do it to have fun and get to know people," Weaver said.



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Twin reapers Joe Yamada and Phil Burns Jr. roamed the halls at the Edens Hall Morgue Saturday frightening many visitors.

## Your personal psychic is just a phone call away

By Jesse Hamilton Front reporter

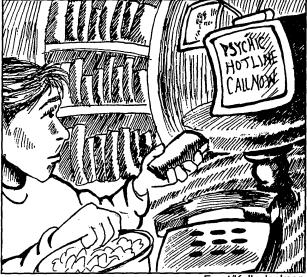
In recent years, evening television has grown thick with groups advertising the sale of powers of the mind over the telephone. Unfortunately, these powers don't come cheap to callers. A 10-minute psychic chat can cost about \$40. Three hours of delving into the powers of the mind would cost about the same as one quarter's tuition at Western.

Wondering what one gets for the money, I took on a mission to call the Psychic Friends Network to connect with a psychic friend.

To begin with, I had to find the telephone number. I

I wasn't really expecting that particular question. However, I wasn't going to let my confusion slow my replies in that \$3.99-per-minute environment.

I told her my date of birth, but I planned to refuse the release of such information as my credit card number, social security number or mother's maiden name.



The conversation was going in an astrological direction I am ignorant about. She could have told me Mars was curing Cancer and I would be forced to reply, "Ah. I see."

I tried to steer her into telling me something I might understand. I waited until my psychic paused for a breath.

"So, can you tell me what I can expect in the near future?" I asked.

"Sure. Let me just work something out on your chart. Can you wait a sec?" She made industrious working-something-out-on-paper sounds. I waited on the line for a minute as my bill progressed to weekly grocery status.

"This will be a year of planning for you. You're in a stinky situation when it comes to money." Psychic charges

quickly learned something about "Infomercials." They are never there when you need them.

My late-night search for Dionne and her "celebrity" friends was fruitless. These people were on every channel when I was trying to find something good on television. When I really needed them, they vanished mysteriously.

The television search was not without success. A National Association of Professional Psychics commercial offered an alternative.

How one becomes an official professional psychic, I do not know. But I dialed their number anyway.

My heart and mind raced as I connected with the psychic recording. Uncertainty crowded my thoughts with questions. Whom will I be connected with? Will this person have the power to peer into the heights and depths of my soul? How much has the call cost so far? The wait wasn't long.

"Hi," a female voice said. "My name is Nina. What's yours?" Her thick Texan accent made me wonder how far my call had been routed.

"Jesse," I answered confidently. "What's your date of birth?" she asked. Front/Kelly Jackson

Luckily, her intentions were good. She needed my birthday to find out what was going on with my constellation during my birth.

I could almost feel that first \$3.99 slip by.

At this point, she started getting excited and psychic on me. She said cryptic things such as: "Oh! There were five planets in Libra when you were born!"; "Hmmm, Gemini rising ..."; "Y'all are in a nine-year cycle." and "Jupiter!" on my upcoming telephone bill came to mind.

She got more current. "The eclipse in California is going to cause everybody to have a strange week." She listed the days of the week and how each would go. They looked shaky, but Saturday is supposed to be perfect.

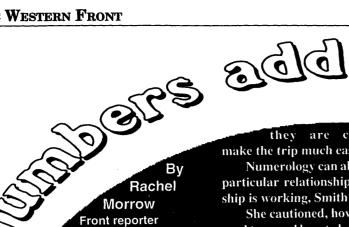
Throughout the call, Nina didn't impress me with any obvious psychic powers. Most of her comments and queries about my life were wrong.

However, she suddenly guessed correctly about some instances in my life.

She asked me if I had just gotten a ticket. Two days before the call, a I was pulled over for speeding. I only received a warning, but she was pretty close to the money. When I told her about it she "saw a ticket around me."

My call to the National Association of Professional Psychics was interesting and exciting. Nina did her job very well. She shared her vague insights and kept me on the line for several expensive minutes.

I found the experience valuable. Not only do I have my own, personal psychic, but I was given a cheaper number to call next time. I guess membership has its privileges.



Numerology uses the birth name and date to make a composite of a person's life path, numerologist La Vonne Smith said.

Numerology explores why a person is here on earth, what his or her potential is and how the potential may be developed.

"If people would get in touch with these tools (i.e., numerology and astrology) that provide this kind of knowledge for them, they could quickly get on the path they are meant to lead and be much more productive," Smith said.

Numerology also sets a timeline representing growth for a person's life. A full quence is nine years. If people know where they are in a cycle, they may avoid stopping their growth, Smith said.

Numerology can help a person move forward with his or her life with more confidence, she said.

> Smith describes numerology as a map of life. She compares it to a road map. Like a road map, a numerology map can show where detours might occur.

> > Not knowing where these detours are can delay the trip, but knowing where

they are can make the trip much easier.

Numerology can also see the course of a particular relationship and if the relationship is working, Smith said.

She cautioned, however, numerology is used to reveal how to best work in a relationship. It is not to tell a couple to break up or stay together.

Smith started numerology because of her curiosity about the subject. At the time, she said, numerology wasn't well known.

When the methods books were applied to her life, Smith saw the numerology to be accurate.

During her 25 years teaching in public schools, Smith did her students' charts without their knowledge.

She said she used the charts to help her students develop their potential.

Smith was assured, by watching her students, that numerology really did work. She said numerology is "indispensable in giving me peace of mind."

The history of numerology starts before the Bible.

Numerology is based on the theories of the mathematician Pythagoras, Smith said. Numbers correspond with the arrangement of things on earth and in the universe.

The theories have been tested and they work, Smith said.

She draws information from more than 100 books on numerology, many of which have Pythagoras' theories.

Smith said her own numbers reveal she has the potential to help people.

Some people don't accept numerology and other fields of metaphysics as legitimate ideals.

"Many people are afraid to know (metaphysics) because they're afraid it's going to be bad," she said.

URE. SITCS CONFICTORIAN becoming more inquisitive about numerology and other types of metaphysics.

> "There is a need in society now for people to have a place to go, to explore, to find information that reveals to them a deeper level of thinking than that (which) has been imposed upon society for the last couple thousand years," Smith said.

This will be symbolized, she said, through the Age of Aquarius, which starts in January.

Smith said the Age of Aquarius will be a time of "the blossoming of the humaneness of humanity itself and the development of its highest potential."

It will be an age of people finding out for themselves what they believe, not being told what to believe. It will be a time of connection, she added.

"I'm very excited I live within the time period I live in so that I can do (numerology). And so that I can be a part of the Age of Aquarius because it's coming on stronger and stronger and there's no holding it back," she said.

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# Witches don't just brew toil and

### By Lisa L. Diaz Front reporter

When entering a store with a sign posted "Witches Welcome," a feeling of apprehension and a wonder of what is to come enters the mind. What came from the people inside were not secretive meetings in corners or magical chanting, but warm greetings and friendly embraces.

Wiccans and Pagans live by just a few words: harm none and live life in perfect love and perfect trust, according to the Goddess Crede.

"Bide the Wiccan law ye must, in perfect love and perfect trust. Eight words the Wiccan Rede fulfill, and ye harm none, do as ye will. Lest in thyself defense it be, ever mind the rule of three. Follow this with mind and heart and merry me and merry heart."

To witches, following the Rule of Three only makes sense because they believe any magic cast will return to the caster threefold.

Witches such as Nora Colby, owner of Widdershins Books and Spiritual Paraphernalia, and Glenda "Gdwych" Cantrell follow the lead of their ancient predecessors by worshipping The Goddess through nature.

To Wiccan followers, The Goddess represents different things to different people. No strict guidelines are set on what to believe. A person believes what he or she feels is right.

For Cantrell. The Goddess is one entity who sends other goddesses to her, such as Artemis, the goddess of wisdom and love.

"We have reverence for all living things of nature. (Paganism) is an earth-centered spirituality," Colby said. "(Pagans have) reverence for, much like the Native American culture, earth. fire. water and air.

"There are many forms of witchcraft and pa-

ganism, just like there are many forms of Christianity," Colby said. "Wicca or Dionic is the most common form. The biggest confusion is that people view witches as worshippers of Satan. We don't believe in Satan."

When asked how Halloween played a part in paganism, Colby was eager to explain.

She said like most pagan holidays, the early Christians changed the celebrations to coincide with their own beliefs.

Samhain (Sow-ain), from the Celtic Wheel of the Year, was a Celtic festival named after their lord of death and traditionally celebrated as their New Year. This pagan holiday was from sunset Oct. 31 to sunset Nov.1.

The Catholic Church claimed this holiday as the Feast of all Saints in the 17th century and called Nov. 1 All Hallows Day or Halloween.

Halloween was traditionally a day to honor the

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# Holding a connection to the soul, hands show all

### By Rachel Morrow Front reporter

Webster's New World Dictionary gives one definition of metaphysics: esoteric, often mystical or theosophical lore.

But is it lore? And is it esoteric? Can only a few individuals truly understand what metaphysics is?

When the word metaphysics appears, what is the first idea to pop into the mind?

Metaphysics encompasses astrology, numerology, palmistry, tarot cards and psychic abilities. Are these ideas really so mystical, or are they connected to us more than we think?

"Palmistry is a science of the language of the lines on the hand," said Rev. Ruth Ann, a metaphysical minister specializing in palmistry. She declined to give her last name.

Palmistry is not fortune-telling, it's a map to guide a person to learn about himself or herself, Ruth Ann said.

Ruth Ann likens palmistry to a tool. It can be used to change future problems or to prepare for them. She finds hands unique because they can be used for most things.

"Hands are very worthwhile things, they do tell us more than what we do with them everyday. And it's not what we do with them everyday that puts the lines there," Ruth Ann said.

She describes the hands as a connection to the soul.

Palmistry has been around since ancient times, Ruth Ann said. It was used by doctors for medical

purposes, in counseling and in many other practices. Palmistry explained to people what they were going to do with their lives.

Many different types of palmistry are practiced: Oriental, Japanese, Indian and Ancient. All are interconnected to each other, Ruth Ann explained.

Essentially, if different palmists performed a reading on the same person, but used the different types, they would basically come up with the same reading, she said.

Although the Western world is beginning to open to palmistry and other metaphysical practices, it still struggles with stereotypes. to do palmistry, to want to help people with this tool," she said.

Ruth Ann added she believes the reason palmistry clicked with her is she had the talent in a past life.

Ruth Ann's interest in metaphysics took shape in 1979, when, for personal reasons, she began to correct things in her life. She started with her diet and became a vegan, the strictest form of vegetarianism.

Living in Milwaukee at the time, Ruth Ann met a person who opened her eyes more to the world of metaphysics.

That person determined her horoscope, and to her amazement, her life was spelled out accurately.

Also during this time, Ruth Ann began to practice yoga and to study different religions more intensely.

She read parts of the Koran, studied some Buddhism and read about other religions as well.

Through these studies and through her horoscope, Ruth Ann took a great interest in spirits and the afterlife.

She felt she needed to know what was beyond life on earth and if life existed beyond earth.

The friend who read her horoscope also told her about a palmist.

Intrigued and amazed at the accuracy of the palmist, Ruth Ann took a six-week class on palmistry from him.

After studying palmistry in Milwaukee, Ruth Ann traveled to Boulder, Colo.

There she learned of the Church of Tzaddi, a non-denominational religion that studies God's righteousness. Tzaddi is the 119th psalm in the Bible.

Also in Boulder, Ruth Ann studied to become a metaphysical minister.

A metaphysical minister, she said "encompasses these gifts (palmistry, astrology, etc.) or techniques."

Ruth Ann believes palmistry tells a person what his or her problem is, and then tells him or her what to do about it. She compares it to her other job, a dental assistant.

For instance, if she notices a buildup of plaque, she'll tell a person what they can to do alleviate the problem.

"I feel if it (palmistry) is helpful, you can know whatever you need to know," she said.

Ruth Ann studies books on palmistry and takes bits of information from each one and puts it into her practice.

"If something doesn't hit me right, then I won't use it.

"If something hits me right, or seems to make sense from my point of view, I might try to use it. And then, if I see that it doesn't work very well, then I would not use it anymore," Ruth Ann explained.

Palmistry is most often associated with the lifeline.

A short lifeline doesn't necessarily mean a person will have a short life, Ruth Ann said. It could represent low vitality or health problems.

If your lifeline is short, she'll look at your other hand.

The hands connect with each other; the writing hand represents the self, and the other hand represents ancestors, Ruth Ann said.

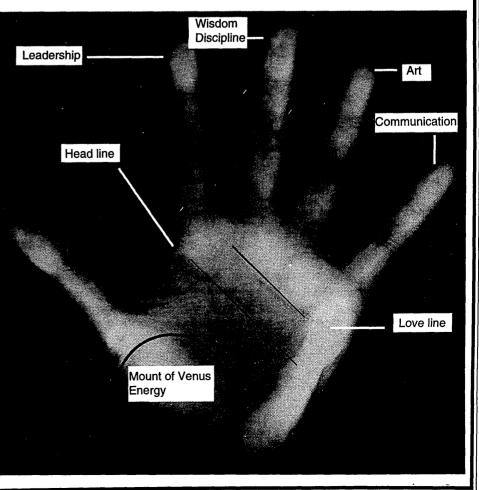
The most common requests Ruth Ann gets are those on relationships and meeting that "special someone."

Money is the second most asked about topic, followed by the lifeline.

Ruth Ann said she enjoys reading the palms of young adults at the ages of 18-23 because, she said they have the most potential to work on things they already know.

"If it's in the future, you still have it in your power to change whatever, by the choices you make," she said.

"I feel strongly that palmistry could be used in a very good way to help a lot of people," she said.



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v to (paganism) I thought everybody 1t to be in this," Cantrell said. "Look vitch! I don't have anything pierced Ruth Ann believes palmistry received a bad reputation from people believing things were definitely going to happen because a palmist said so.

She also believes palmistry was used by some people to gain power over others. For example, people could be told the wrong things, or scared by palmists. "Palmistry is a tool that has been

used for a long time, yet nowadays it's probably not looked on with as good as a light as it should have," Ruth Ann said. Ruth Ann studies ancient basic palmistry; what areas of the hand mean what. She also incorporates other forms of palmistry in her readings.

She said palmistry can be learned by anyone, but some might realize palmistry clicks with them.

"You have to have a drive inside you

## Vikings move closer to title

## Players eye undefeated season, national playoffs

### **Eric Francis** Front reporter

Ryan Wiggins' 92-yard kickoff return broke open a close game in the third quarter, leading the No. 1 Vikings past Eastern Oregon State College 56-13 Saturday in La Grande, Ore.

The Vikings moved to 7-0 on the season and 3-0 in Mount Rainier League play. Eastern Oregon fell to 1-6, 1-2 in the league.

Wiggins' return followed a Mountaineers touchdown that cut Western's lead to 21-13. Orlondo Steinauer picked off his eighth pass of the year on the next EOSC drive. Jon Brunaugh ran the ball in from seven yards out and the Vikings never looked back.

"We came out pretty flat, both as a team and a defensive unit," Steinauer said. "We were looking for anything to boost our confidence. Wiggins' return really did that for us.'

Jason Stiles completed 21 of 27 passes for 252 yards and two touchdowns. Brunaugh led all runners on the day with 109 yards on 14 carries and scored two touchdowns. Chris Nicholl topped the Vikings with seven receptions for 86 yards. Tight end Christian Evans, in only his second game of the year, caught two touchdown passes.

Western moved one game closer to clinching its first league title since 1971.

"There's certainly a lot to play for in these last two games," Head Coach Rob Smith said in a press release. "We have a chance to win a league championship and go through a season undefeated, which would be a tremendous accomplishment."

A win in either of the final two home games will give the Vikings the title and an automatic berth in the NAIA Division II playoffs.

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> - Orlondo Steinauer Vikings' cornerback

"We're not looking ahead to the playoffs," Steinauer said. "Our goal is to win the Mount Rainier League title and stay focused on each game."

The Vikings opened the scoring on their first drive, going 68 yards in 12 plays. Stiles was six for six on the drive, the sixth a 3-yard touchdown to Evans.

Western opened a 14-point advantage in the second quarter on a 67-yard touchdown run by Jon Brunaugh. Brunaugh's run was the

longest by a Vikings player this season.

Each team added a touchdown before halftime, Western's coming on a 1-yard run by John Frazier with 27 seconds left in the second quarter.

The Mountaineers closed the gap to 21-13 on an 11-play, 82yard drive before Wiggins' return gave Western breathing room. The Vikings added another touchdown in the quarter and three in the final stanza. The 56 points are the most the Vikings have scored this year.

Several Vikings reached milestones in the game. Stiles became the first Western quarterback to top 7,000 yards. Steinauer became the Columbia Football Association's all-time leading punt returner with 874 yards despite a touchdown return called back on a penalty.

The Vikings return home Saturday to take on Simon Fraser University in a game that was originally scheduled to be played in Burnaby, B.C. The game was moved because Swangard Stadium is under renovation. The Clansmen are 3-5 and 1-2 in league play after a 28-7 loss to Western Oregon.

"We expect it to be a very physical game, as it always is with Simon Fraser," Smith said. "We've had some pretty good battles with them over the years. It's always been a very hard-fought game."

Game time is 1:30 p.m. at Civic Field.

Once-great coach now a joke **By Jeremy Stiles** in higher education. Sports co-editor

The press seems to be making a lot of judgment errors these days, but one mistake stands out from all others as a shining example of poor decision making by the nation's newspaper editors. Forget The Washington Post

Commentary -

and the Unabomber's manifesto. Giving a lethal madman

seven pages is nothing compared to what the Associated Press Managing Editors did Friday.

They let Indiana University basketball coach Bob Knight speak for 45 minutes.

Knight may not always have a point, but he usually has plenty to say. Friday was no exception.

The Oct. 28 edition of The Seattle Times reported Knight spoke on a number of topics, ranging from motivating his players to his thoughts about his wife's proper place in the Knight household.

It's not so much what Knight says, but how he says it.

On player motivation, Knight said: "If you don't play well, you sit on the bench."

So much for positive reinforcement.

Here's more from the red sweater-wearing legend: "Everyone with a competitive personality, their ass sends a message up to the brain something like 'Get me the hell off of here.' It's obvious this man works Knight's a feminist too.

Just look at what he said about his wife, a former high school girls' basketball coach, who sometimes offers critiques of the Hoosiers' performances: "I look at her and say, 'Lady, why don't you bake a pie or something."

Here's how his wife responds to his oh-so-wise suggestion: "Well if I did, you can bet ... my pie would be a lot better than your zone offense."

There's little reason to doubt Mrs. Knight's assertion. Just note Indiana's early exits in the last few NCAA tournaments.

Just as the days of Hoosier glory have passed, so has Bob Knight's time in the ranks of college basketball's coaching elite.

Some may still remember his gold medal basketball team, led by Michael Jordan, in the 1984 Olympics, and some may remember Keith Smart's buzzerbeating three-pointer in the 1987 NCAA Championship game against Syracuse.

The image of Bob Knight in the 1990s, however, is that of a short-tempered, vulgar and sexist clown who tells the press to kiss his ass, and his wife, who could probably coach the Hoosiers just as well as her husband at this point, to go bake a pie.

Maybe Bobby should go bake a pie, and let someone else coach Indiana basketball.



### **SPORTS**

# Hockey club pounds Vandals in opener

### **Andrew Pendli** Front reporter

Maybe they left it in the team van. Or perhaps they forgot to pack it before leaving Moscow.

Either way, the University of Idaho Vandals failed to produce any offense, losing to the Western hockey club 3-1 Saturday night and 6-1 Sunday morning at the Whatcom County Sports Arena.

Nearly 100 fans watched the Vikings' season opener.

Western's bench proved to be too much for the short-handed

Vandals as the Vikings pulled away in the third period of each game.

"They just couldn't keep up with our three lines," team captain Marty Brueggemann said.

The kings peppered

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Vandals goalie Dan Anderson Saturday night but led only 1-0 after two periods. Brueggemann, after shooting wide on several attempts, knocked in the rebound from a Jay Ilgenfritz slapshot to score the Vikings first goal with 6:16 left in the second period.

"I managed to get that first one and kind of redeem myself," Brueggemann said.

"Their goalie was just awesome," he added. "I couldn't believe it. We had chance after chance."

With 6:54 left in the game and the Vikings leading 2-1, Chris Wagner drew unsportsmanlike conduct and interference penalties.

Western's defensive play intensified and didn't allow the Vandals' power play unit a shot.

"We were only up by one goal and we'd just lost one of our better skaters. They were smelling blood," Brueggemann said.

"We had a talk on the bench

and said, 'We've got to pick this up and hunker down and go with it," he added. Ronnie "Rocket"

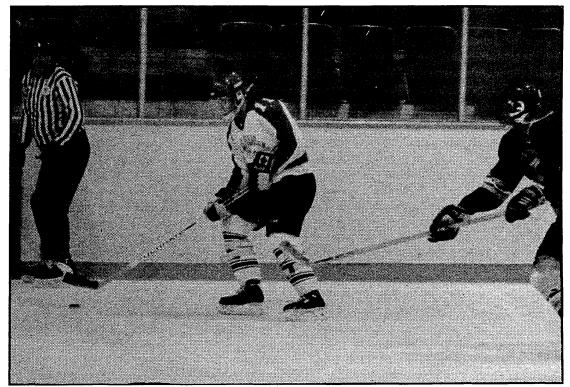
Mullin put the game away for the Vikings with 2:32 left,

slipping the

Anderson's skates after going endto-end through traffic.

"That was just huge. He had

The Vandals' power play was powerless all weekend, going 0-5 on Saturday and 0-3 on Sunday. "It was like (the Vikings) were



Front/Craig Stephens

Jay Ilgenfritz (11) rushes past a University of Idaho defender in Sunday's lopsided 6-1 victory.

### president Vince Ingalls said.

"We've been mixing up the lines and there's no chemistry yet. That's what's lacking. We're not used to each other yet." Vandals' forward Steve Gorman said.

Gorman was the lone offensive bright spot for the Vandals, scoring both of their goals.

Sunday's game provided more of the same, despite a strong effort by the Vandals.

After the Vandals opened the scoring with a three-man rush to the net, the Vikings scored six unanswered goals, including three in the third period.

"We did a better job of getting after rebounds. We stayed back, expecting the rebounds," Brueggemann said.

The addition of Paul Glenovich, who didn't play Saturday night, sparked the offensive attack. The forward line of Glenovich, Sean Cassidy and Wes Travis scored four goals.

"This is the first time we've

been together as lines. Checking is always a big thing too. When you're playing non-contact, you get used to skating with your head down. All of a sudden, you've got people coming at you trying to hit you," Brueggemann said.

"Once we figured it out, we were beating them to the puck and hustling, knocking 'em flat. Every time they were near the net, we had someone on them," Brueggemann said

The Vikings are 2-0.



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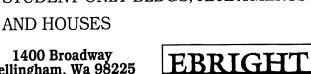
Marty Brueggemann Team captain

guys hanging all over him and he still managed to put it in," Brueggemann said.

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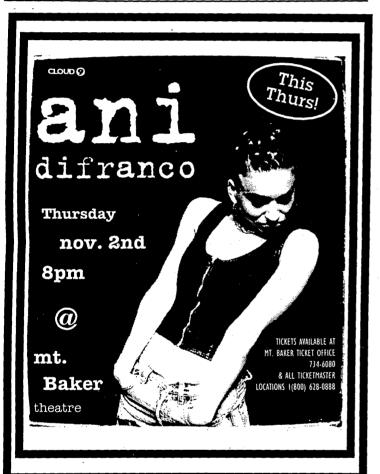
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Nov. 1 — Women's volleyball vs. Trinity Western University at 7 p.m. in Carver Gymnasium

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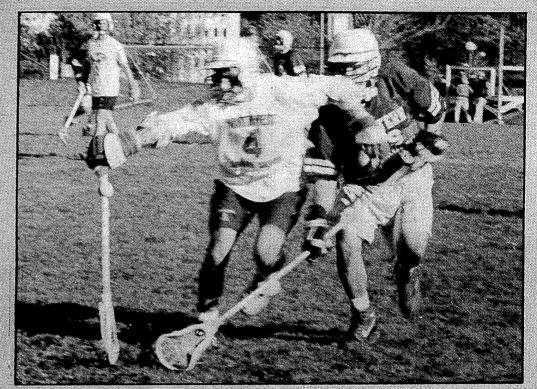
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## Lacrosse opens against alumni



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An alumnus and a current Western student battle for control during a match over the weekend. The alumni won Saturday, but were defeated on Sunday.

# Sports Briefs

### Women's soccer

The Western women's soccer team will host Seattle University at 1 p.m. on Wednesday at the Northwest Soccer Complex.

"We've had one game where we barely squeeked by," Head Coach Derrek Falor said. "I expect a really tight game.

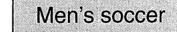
"Last year Western finished in the spot Seattle University is in now and went on to win the whole thing," Falor said.

The winner of the game gets to play No. 2 ranked Simon Fraser on Saturday.

Western finished the season with a 4-0 loss to the Clan. It was only the second shoutout of the season for the Vikings, as stated in a Western athletics press release. Western finished the season

10-4-1 overall and 7-2-1 in league. They placed second in league behind Simon Fraser, 9-0-1.

Shonna Hall led the Vikings in scoring with 18 goals this season. "We finished higher than the majority of the league expected us to," Falor said.



The Western men's soccer team finished a disappointing season with a 2-1 loss to rival Central Washington University.

"We were quite young, because of that we suffered in close games," Head Coach Brad Swanson said. "Next year we'll be on the other side."

The Vikings finished the season 4-11-1 overall, 1-8-1 in league play.

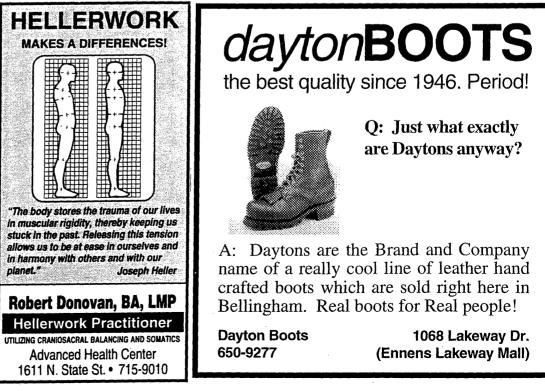
"This team has not hit its peak by any means. We've got some good players, we just need to mold them," Swanson said.

The team lost only three players to graduation this year.

"Lucas (Davis) played well. He played hard. He got a little frustrated out there," Swanson said. "He led more by example, than vocally. Davis set the tone for next year."

Swanson expects good results in his second stint as coach in 1996. The experience from this season should pay off.

"I'm excited to get those guys back next year," he said.



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## Influential talk hosts must show responsibility

In a world where more and more people get more and more of their input through their television sets, careless ignorance from trusted celebrities can be dangerous.

It's easy to see the talk show phenomenon has fully established itself as an alternative option to more objective news programs.

With this in mind, hosts of these political and social shows should be aware of the impact they have on the people watching.

Their influence is powerful, and if they're wrong, they can cause viewers to form incorrect opinions.

Two prime examples of hosts who need to be more sensitive of this situation are Rush Limbaugh and Phil Donahue.

Opposing factions have been quarreling over Limbaugh's messages since he's been on the air. The debate has gone on for so long



most people are tired of it. But his importance in the political field warrants continual criticism.

On a recent show, Limbaugh brought up the subject of gorilla sign language, a particularly exciting issue for researchers in both social and biological fields.

Limbaugh claimed he's "skeptical" about the validity of gorillas' sign-language communication because they're "animals."

If he wishes to take a stand on an issue, Limbaugh should have some idea about the facts.

Research on the gesturing language abilities of primates, a category humans fit into, has been going on for decades.

Film documentation has proved that intellectually advanced monkeys — who have brains very similar to humans — are able to grasp American Sign Language, or Ameslan, with a working vocabulary of several hundred words.

They are even able to ask questions, deny assertions and invent new words.

In 1977 a chimpanzee who saw a duck land on a pond, described it with the sign "waterbird," a word he had never seen signed before.

The same chimpanzee adopted the sign for "dirty" as a term of abuse.

When Limbaugh casually informs his audience he doesn't believe in the possibility of talking gorillas, the audience, believing him to be well-informed on the subject, may agree with him.

Phil Donahue is on the other

end of the spectrum. His problem is that he will vigorously debate an important issue by using sweeping generalizations and ignoring opposing points.

Dinesh Sousa, an author from the American Enterprise Institute, came to the "Donahue" show to discuss his recent book, "The End of Racism." He came to talk about sensitive racial issues he had brought up in the book.

Sousa, originally from Bombay, India, had written about tendencies in America's inner-city African-American culture.

He claimed that although racism originally brought on rampant unemployment, incarceration and other social problems to urban African Americans, the situation is now self-perpetuating.

He believes a hypothetical sudden end of racism would change little in those communities.

Donahue went wild-eyed at

the mention of race. He took Sousa's comments out of context and, with exaggerated gestures and facial expressions, argued vehemently and witlessly against him.

Naturally, the audience took to Donahue's wilder speech rather than the reserved, intelligent speech of Sousa.

Donahue's behavior at the mention of the racial topic is exactly the kind of treatment that makes it such an impossibly sensitive subject for debate.

People who respect him may emulate his actions, right or wrong.

Television viewers are not mindless automatons. However, some hard-core talk show fanatics are willing to accept whatever comes out of their hero's mouths.

Some hosts need to be more conscious of this. Talk show champions can change society with their words; they should make sure it's a change for the better.

Letters

### I-640 nets hate, saves few lives Dear Editor,

The relentless attacks and campaign of hate against Washington's commercial fishing fleet and families is nearly over, but not because the proponents of Initiative 640 have run out of money.

Another \$25,000 was just dumped in from the Columbia River Alliance, whose "investment" is now \$55,000. The CRA represents, among other corporate interests, the hydroelectric industry and salmon-destroying dams.

Unlike gill nets, which have mesh sizes regulated to harvest only the species allowed, the turbines in the dams whisk to slurry everything in the waterways.

The campaign of hate will soon be over and not because Save Our Sealife proponents have run out of lies. Whether it is fraudulent numbers of birds or other creatures they say die in nets, the "information" is bogus. NO conservation groups support SOS. Trust these conservation groups, the League of Women Voters, Washington State Labor Council and over 5,000 businesses. Say "no" to the SOS lies.

This campaign will end because time is running out. It will be a relief when hate language is no longer directed toward decent folks who harvest fish for the local markets and the public's dinner plates.

We need a breathing spell. Politics needs to clean up. Vote "no" this election.

Jacklyn Anne Wardlow

### Student criticizes article about NEA Dear editor,

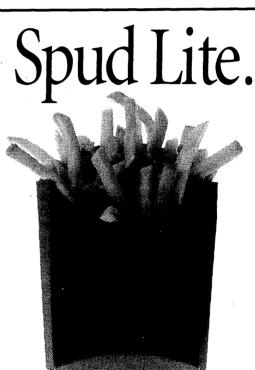
Once again I have attempted to read The Western Front, and once again I am faced with an appalling lack of education or understanding but plenty of narrow-mindedness. I am talking about "Front Reporter" Dina Hovde's Oct. 24 article.

She tells us October is for pretty yellow leaves, not for easing hatred and violence by teaching tolerance and stopping ignorance. Because of those who think like her, I didn't even know about homosexuality until I was 16.

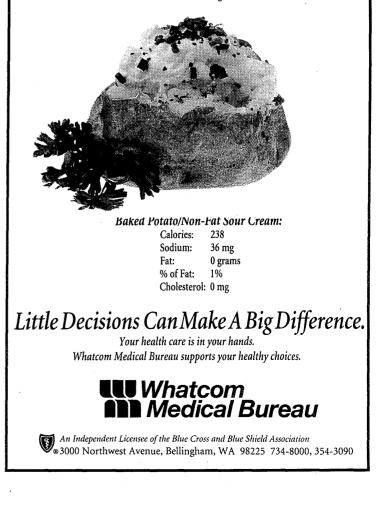
Dina, what medical schools did you complete that you contradict all the scientific evidence and tell us with such confidence homosexuality is a choice? Perhaps if the National Education Association's decision came earlier, you could know a little bit more about the subject you discuss with such authority — it's probably too late for you now.

But, you know, you're right. I mean, why have a Black History Month and trouble the poor children in February when they should be thinking about building snowmen and snowboarding?

Anna Makanju



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## Not all students have returned after 'time away' if they're 23+

Last week, when I stopped by my mailbox, I retrieved a couple of bills, some junk mail and an eye-catching lavendar and black flyer from STRATA, which stands for "Students That Return After Time Away." I was puzzled when I saw my name on the front. Even though I'm older than 23, I'm not a student 'that' has returned after time away. I don't feel the need to justify being over 23 and still attending college, but I have only been attending Western for two years and next quarter is my final quarter. I have never taken any significant time off. I took a few quarters off when I was attending community college, but they weren't consecutive quarters.

Instead of putting the flyer in the recycling bin, I called the STRATA office and notified the director I shouldn't be classified as a STRATA student. I left a polite message and suggested she check which students older than 23 can be classified as STRATA students before sending these flyers out.

Don't get me wrong; I'm not condemning STRATA. I'm happy this service is provided for students who are returning after time away, as I'm sure it isn't an easy task. But why waste paper to send these flyers out to all students older than 23 on the assumption they qualify for STRATA?

College students traditionally begin their freshman year fresh out of high school at 18. They attend college for four years and graduate by age 22. This must be what STRATA has in mind, but times have changed. Because students must take a ridiculous amount of prerequisites, often impossible to get into because of fierce competition, students end up staying in college an extra year or two to complete their majors. Many students also attend a less expensive community college first, causing some students to graduate when they are older than 22.

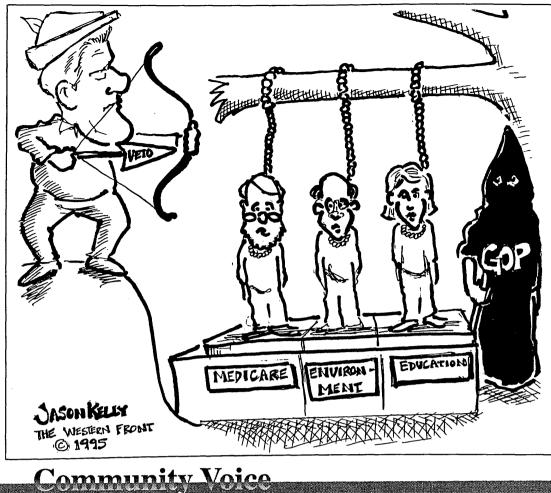
STRATA called with an apology for sending me its literature. The representative said STRATA doesn't have enough funding to find out who is a STRATA student and who is not.

I was grateful for STRATA's prompt response to my phone call, but I don't understand why it has enough funding to send out large numbers of these flyers but not enough to call around and find out who is a student returning after time away.

- Reneé Pedranti, Copy editor

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# Knowledge key to end violence

Domestic violence doesn't happen only between spouses or partners who live together. It also occurs in dating relationships. Across the nation, more and more college students are recognizing signs of domestic violence at work in campus relationships. Understanding domestic violence helps students, faculty and staff recognize and respond to signs of abuse. In short, domestic violence occurs in relationships where expectations of love and trust exist and where one person manipulates

those expectations to gain control of the other.

To gain the desired level of control, the abuser engages in a pattern of abusive behavior. The pattern may be hard to identify at first because the initial behaviors may be acceptable.

Such relationships include: married and unmarried couples who live together, other family or household members and couples who do not live together. It can also occur between "exes."

Our culture is filled with powerful myths about love and relationships. Fairy tales, movies, novels, popular music and the advertising industry all send messages telling us to look for partners who are passionate, attentive and devoted. For women, this translates into a search for "Mr. Right," who will bring flowers, call frequently and profess loneliness in her absence. For a man, the message is to be strong, to be in control and to ride in on the white horse and sweep his beloved away to a castle. Cultural symbols tell males true love implies possession of the love object. In the



lonely castle, he will love her in a way no one else can match. She will need no one but him.

These messages, combined with the myth "love conquers all" lay groundwork for acceptance of abusive behaviors. Abusers are usually charming, fun, well-liked by peers, and above all, romantic. However, over time, healthy expressions of caring and concern give way to actions that end up controling rather than to supporting or nurturing.

Various control tactics are commonly used by abusers. These tactics result in the physical, emotional or sexual abuse recognized as domestic violence. Some tactics of control that are frequently used in dating relationships include: • Isolation prevents the victim from maintaining close relationships

with friends or family. • Coercion forces the victim to do what the abuser wants, especially in the area of sexual activity.

used to make the victim feel crazy. · Minimizing downplays the effects of abuse, especially fear and minor injuries.

 Remorse and profuse apologies are used to convince the victim things will change.

Unfortunately, it's very difficult to determine who will become a domestic violence victim. An individual's race, religion, education, economic status or personality are not indiators of risk. The greatest common factor is gender. The sad truth is 95 percent of all domestic violence victims are women

The only characteristic these women consistantly share is that they are women. Since it isn't possible to determine who is at risk for becoming a victim, perhaps the best key to pervention is to clearly identify dynamics within relationships that are not dominated by issues of power and control.

In healthy relationships, partners share common goals that usually include opportunities for individual growth and development. Decision-making is also shared, and each individual gets the chance to make personal choices.

Relationships should be meaed by such standards. For those

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victim feel worthless and lucky to have any relationship at all.

• Denial and "mind games" are

ing up, asking questions about controlling tactics can be an important way for victims and abusers to identify abusive behaviors.

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### **Community Voice**

Because The Western Front is a community newspaper, the staff is interested in well-written, thoughtprovoking editorial submissions from readers about issues affecting the Bellingham community.

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# Halloween celebrates fun, not religion

The Los Altos School Board in San Francisco is playing a meanspirited trick on the district's students.

According to the Oct. 12 New York Times, the board has added Halloween to its list of holidays, which includes Christmas, Hanukkah and Easter, that may not be celebrated in the district's schools because of underlying religious themes.

The board president, Phil Faillace, said the board has examined the curriculum since January to eliminate practices that appeared to favor any one belief.

So, to the children in the Los Altos School District who have thought of Halloween merely as a prime opportunity to haul some "loot" home and gorge on sugary foods with absolutely no nutritional value, the board is saying: Sorry kids, we can't favor the Druids.

That's right, the Druids.

In a school bulletin announcing the Halloween ban, Faillace wrote, "The board has to acknowledge Halloween's roots in Druid ceremonies and in a Celtic festival for Samhain, the Celts' god

of the dead."

One father said a teacher went so far as to tell his 7-year-old daughter that a "Halloween parade would feed the devil." (There goes the board's justification of not favoring any one belief.)

The board's thinking is antiquated and its reasoning skewed. Not only does the Druid religion no longer exist, the Celtic culture is extinct. According to Collier's Encyclopedia, Halloween has become a secular observance (Webster's New World Dictionary definition of secular: worldly; not of the church), and many different customs and practices have developed.

In Scotland, young people assemble on Halloween for games to determine who will marry in the next year and in what order the marriages will occur.

Secular Halloween traditions brought to the United States by immigrants, especially those from Ireland, became popular in the late 19th century and developed into today's tradition of costumed children going door to door, repeating the phrase, "trick or treat" and getting horrendous amounts of



candy for their efforts.

Since 1965, the United Nations Children's Fund has tried to incorporate the holiday into a fundraiser.

The point: Halloween is no longer a religious celebration.

But, if the board is so determined to scour all multiculturalism from the district instead of using the holiday to teach students about different cultures, let me help the board out. I have compiled a list of holidays the board should ban because of underlying religious themes:

· Mother's Day: This holiday was first observed in Philadelphia's churches on May 10, 1908. Mothering Sunday, an old English tradition, pre-dates the present observance, and was named from the custom of "the faithful" who attended on Mid-Lent Sunday the mother church in which they'd been baptized and offered gifts to the church and their mothers.

• Groundhog Day: The legend of this tradition is considered a U.S. variation of the long-cherished Christian belief that a sunny Candlemas, Feb. 2, portends a cold spring.

• St. Patrick's Day: This is the feast day of St. Patrick, a Christian missionary to Ireland in the fifth century A.D. and founder of many churches and schools. This is Ireland's national holiday.

• St. Valentine's Day: This festival, dating back to ancient Rome, has been associated with the name of a Christian bishop, Valentine, who was martyred Feb. 14 in 271 A.D.

• Thanksgiving Day: This day was first observed by the Pilgrims (a religious sect from England) in the fall of 1621, when Gov. William Bradford of Plymouth Colony appointed a day for feasting and thanksgiving to God.

In addition to these holidays, the school should censor:

• all references to musical

composition by Michelango and Raphael. Michelango painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel with scenes from the Book of Genesis; Raphael was employed by the Vatican for for Pope Julius II and other church officials. Both artists dealt heavily with religious themes in their music.

• all music by Johann Sebastian Bach. Bach, who was an ardent Lutheran and anxious to devote himself to church music, served as the appointed organist at the "New Church" of Arnstadt, as the organist of the renowned church of St. Blasius, and, from 1723-1750, as the cantor in the Thomasschule in Leipzig, where he was responsible for the music offered in all of Leipzig's Protestant churches. He composed many of the sacred works performed.

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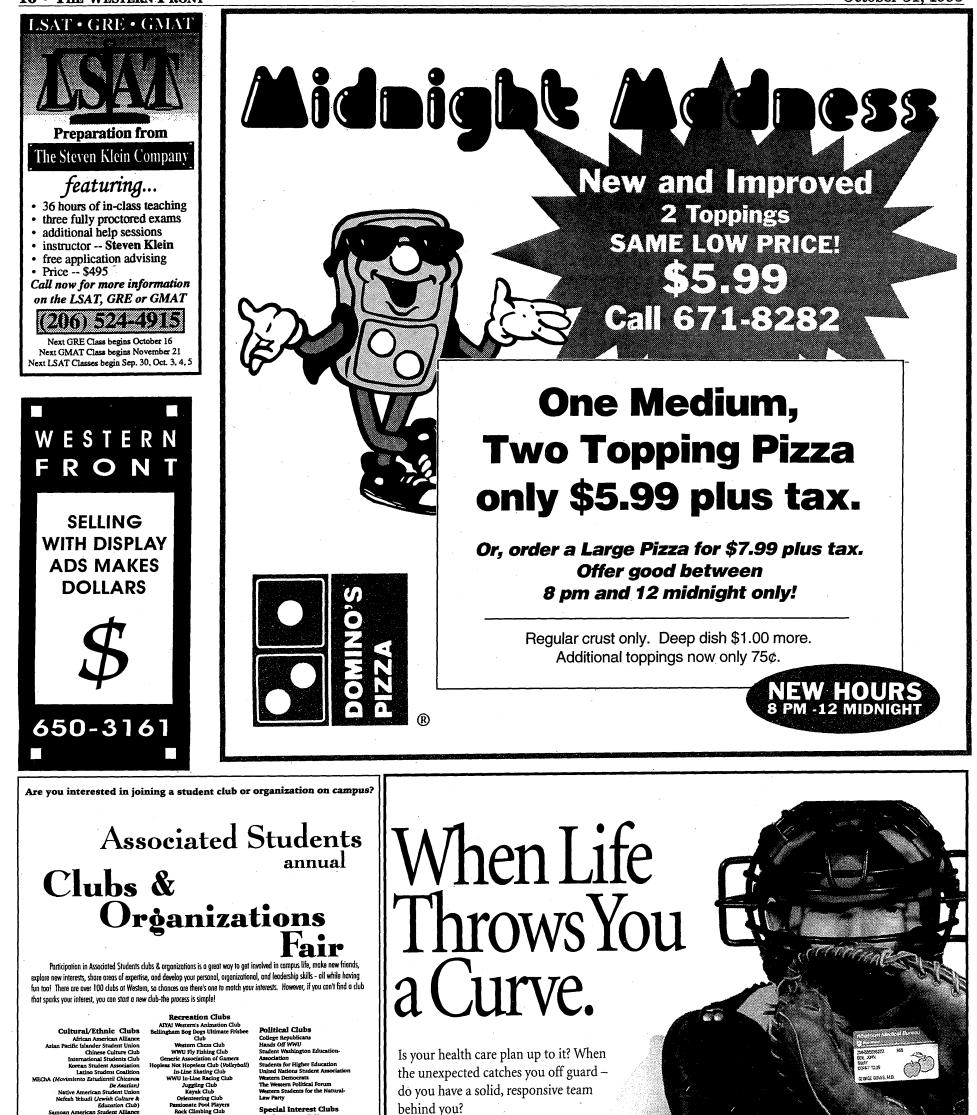
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